

Application No.: 10/667,229

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**REMARKS****Present Status of the Application**

Applicants appreciate that claims 1-19 have been considered to be allowed.

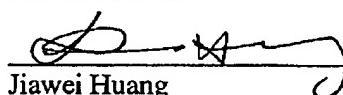
Applicants have amended claim 5, in which a new step "performing a pre-annealing process" is added since the statement "the pre-annealing operation" at lines 15 lacks of antecedent basis. It is believed that this amendment does not change the consideration of patentability and should be acceptable.

**CONCLUSION**

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is believed that all the pending claims 1-19 are in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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